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### ACCESS Window Closes Soon!

The IDOE has received positive feedback about ACCESS for ELLs, and we thank you for your dedication to making sure that all of your limited English proficient students are assessed within the appropriate window. **The window closes on February 27, 2015.**

Before returning the ACCESS materials, please review the test administration manual pgs 14-15 for details. Information about returning Alternate ACCESS can be found in the test administration manual on pgs 26-27. As a reminder, schools will be returning all materials, including test administrator documents, completed booklets, and extra blank booklets. WIDA and Metritech have created an optional, [short video](#) for further support about returning/shipping. If you have any questions regarding the shipment and return of materials, please contact MetriTech 1-800-747-4868 or [wida@metritech.com](mailto:wida@metritech.com)

### ESEA Flexibility Waiver Corner

The ESEA Flexibility Waiver will be released for public comment prior to submission to the U.S.E.D, which is due by 3-31-15. Stay tuned to provide feedback regarding college & career ready expectations (Principle 1), state-developed accountability and support (Principle 2), and supporting effective instruction and leadership (Principle 3).

### In the News

Chalkbeat Indiana takes a look at how [IPS](#) is seeking to shift the culture of serving English learners in the district.

### **Check out these great opportunities for professional development!**

- **Feb. 26, 2015** *Indiana Conference on Learning 2015*; Indianapolis. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- Visit the [WIDA Download Library](#) and view the Indiana specific webinars under the "State/District" webinars on the bottom right hand side. Participants will need a login to view the webinars and resources, which they can get from their EL or Corporation Test Coordinator.

### WIDA Contest

WIDA is sponsoring a video submissions contest for educators of English language learners (ELLs)! Deadline for submissions is March 20th, 2015!

WIDA would like to learn about and share model classroom practices that develop all students' academic language and advance ELL achievement. They are requesting 5- to 10-minute video submissions that include:

- Classroom interactions and/or activities that promote effective teaching, learning, and/or assessment of content and language for ELLs;
- Educator reflections/interviews on those classroom events.

All Consortium members (includes Indiana) who successfully complete the submission process will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card. First, second, and third place award winners will receive a cash prize (up to \$1,000) and a scholarship to attend the 2015 WIDA Professional Development academy.

**For more information, including how to submit your application, please visit [wida.us/videocontest](http://wida.us/videocontest)**

### Professional Resources for Title Grants

The National Title I conference took place on February 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and we have uploaded the hot topic presentations to the IDOE website at <http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei/nastid-2015>. Since both Title I and Title III fall under the same Uniform Grants Guidance ([UGG](#)) from U.S.E.D and must be coordinated for students who are eligible for both, we believe that this information will be valuable for you all.

### Program Administrator Guidance

School corporations must be analyzing local and state data in order to regularly evaluate their EL program, which is a [requirement](#) of U.S.E.D. and D.O.J. The IDOE is working on providing further technical assistance in this area, but schools should review the evaluation information and tools in this [OCR ELL guide](#).

### W-APT

LAS links placement tests are no longer to be used for identification. W-APT is the only allowable placement test. Test administrators **will need the WIDA test manual and the cut scores located in Indiana's WIDA Assessment and Accountability Transition Guidance**. A guidance and conversion chart is posted [HERE](#).